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1. IN MAKING YOUR DEMARCHES TO FOREIGN OFFICES, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, YOU MAY WISH TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION SEVERAL ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN LISBON. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) THERE ARE REPORTS THAT LEFTISTS IN AFM WISH TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR POWER, PERHAPS AIDED AND ABETTED BY PCP, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT THE COLLUSION BETWEEN SOME MILITARY ELEMENTS AND

PCP, WHILE APPARENT, CANNOT ALWAYS BE SUBSTANTIATED. THEREFORE, ADDRESSEES ARE COUNSELED NOT TO OVERSTRESS THIS POINT.

B) IN DISCUSSING ELECTION POSSIBILITIES, AFM LEADERSHIP MAY NOT BE HINTING AT CANCELLATION OF ELECTIONS BUT RATHER MAKING ATTEMPT TO GIVE CLEAR SIGNAL TO POLITICIANS THAT IT WANTS PLATFORM CONSISTENT WITH ITS OWN VIEWS. AFM LEADERSHIP MAY ALSO BE SETTING STAGE FOR MANIPULATING OR MODIFYING OUTCOME IF DESIRED RESULT DOES NOT OCCUR.

C) INASMUCH AS DISAGREEMENTS EXIST WITHIN MILITARY, POSSIBLE MOVES FROM RIGHT OR CENTER ALSO ARE POSSIBILITIES. KISSINGER

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